GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
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EXPENDITURE REFORMS COMMISSION
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any Expenditure Reforms Commission has been set up in his Ministry togive his recommendations for reducing the existing wasteful expenditure of his Ministry and its Departments;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith its composition;

(c) the details of recommendations made by this Commission so far;

(d) the details of those recommendations which are yet to be implemented by his Ministry or departments alongwith the reasons for not implementing them till date; and

(e) the time by which these are likely to be implemented in true spirits?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a) to (e): The Ministry of Agriculture has not set up any Expenditure ReformsCommission. However, the Ministry of Finance has set up an Expenditure Reforms Commission (ERC).The Department of Expenditure in the Ministry of Finance hasforwarded a copy of Part-I of the Report of the ERC pertaining to rationalization of thefunctions, activities and structure of Department of Agriculture & Cooperation. The report has recommended abolition of 385 posts, reduction in the posts of Technical Officers and has suggested restructuring of the activities of the Department. The recommendations of the ERC were examined in the Department of Agriculture & Cooperation and the comments of Department of Agriculture & Cooperation have beensent to Department of Expenditure in the Ministry of Finance. The Department of Agriculture & Cooperation has already taken steps for right-sizing various Divisions and Directorates based on their mandates and responsibilities. It has already abolished more than 200 posts out 385 posts suggested by ERC for abolition. The Tenth Plan proposals of the Department address the issue of re-structuring and rationalization of activities and programmes.